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 OFFICE OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN

EXCERPT FROM THE MINUTES OF THE REGULAR SESSION OF THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN OF THE PROVINCE OF NEGROS OCCIDENTAL HELD IN THE CITY OF BACOLOD ON THE 6th DAY OF JANUARY, 2026

PRESENT:

Hon. Genaro G. Alvarez IV	Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore
Hon. Araceli T. Somosa	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Laurence Marxlen J. de la Cruz	Member - 1 st District
Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr.	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Arthur Christopher D. Marañon	Member - 2 nd District
Hon. Andrew Gerard L. Montelibano	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Hope Marey B. Depasucat	Member - 3 rd District
Hon. Nicholas M. Yulo	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Hadji P. Trojillo	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Jeffrey T. Tubola	Member - 6 th District
Hon. Richard Julius L. Sablan	Member - ABC Rep.
Hon. Mayvelyn L. Madrid	Member - SK Rep.

ON OFFICIAL BUSINESS:

Hon. Jose Benito A. Alonso	Vice Governor
Hon. Patricia Paula M. Alonso-Valderrama	Member - 4 th District
Hon. Rita Angela S. Gatuslao	Member - 5 th District
Hon. Julius Martin D. Asistio	Member - PCL Rep.

**RESOLUTION NO. 0023
 Series of 2026**

RESOLUTION EARNESTLY APPEALING TO HIS EXCELLENCY PRESIDENT FERDINAND MARCOS, JR. TO STOP IMPORTATION OF SUGAR IN ORDER TO SAVE THE SMALL SUGARCANE PLANTERS NUMBERING ONE HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND (140,000) AS WELL AS SUGAR FARM WORKERS FROM THE IMPENDING COLLAPSE OF THE SUGAR INDUSTRY AS AFFECTED BY THE PLUMMETING PRICES OF DOMESTIC SUGAR

Authored by:

**HON. SIXTO TEOFILO ROXAS V. GUANZON, JR.
 HON. LAURENCE MARXLEN DE LA CRUZ**

Members of the 37th Sangguniang Panlalawigan of the Province of Negros Occidental

WHEREAS, the sugar industry is one among the pillars of economy of the entire nation since it was introduced in the Philippines sometime during the 20th century;

WHEREAS, it has become an institution and continue to survive amidst difficulties in terms of sugar prices in both domestic and foreign;

WHEREAS, it became the institutional symbol of development and prosperity which have contributed to the overall growth of the nation during those years of abundance in terms of productivity as well as stable sugar prices;

WHEREAS, the present-day situation has totally changed the outlook of the sugar industry, thus, affecting its productivity as well as profitability which have affected thousands of small sugar farmers especially Agrarian Reform Beneficiaries including sugarcane farm workers;

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WHEREAS, Negros Occidental, which contributes 60% of the total nation's supply of domestic sugar thru monocrop sugarcane cultivation, which is constantly besieged by unpredictable weather conditions such as long drought and excessive rainfall as well as pestilence causing major decline in productivity which has an overall effect of increasing production cost per 50kg of sugar produced;

WHEREAS, several measures have been undertaken to increase production per hectare, however the importation of relatively cheaper sugar have contributed to the plummeting sugar prices causing unprofitable farming as price of sugar is far below by Three Hundred Pesos (Php 300) to Three Hundred Fifty (Php 350) for every Fifty (50) sugar produced. Hence, the difference between the market price of sugar and the productivity cost per Fifty Kilogram (50kg) could mean either losses or profit which determines the feasibility of continuing in the farming of sugarcane;

WHEREAS, the misguided importation of sugar has therefore, resulted to unfavorable situation for the sugarcane producer as more imported sugar at relatively lower prices hampers the profitability of the domestic farm to continue to exist and support thousands of families as well as farm workers affected which are dependent on sugar industry especially in the Province of Negros Occidental and in the underlying provinces throughout the Philippines;

WHEREAS, on behalf of the small sugar cane planters at estimated One Hundred Forty Thousand (140,000) as well as sugar workers including different associations and confederations as well as allied and support services do hereby join together, including the Provincial government officials of the entire Province of Negros Occidental, to earnestly raise this concern by appealing to His Excellency President Ferdinand Marcos, Jr. to initiate and undertake bolder steps to improve sugar prices throughout the country;

NOW THEREFORE, on motion of Hon. Sixto Teofilo Roxas V. Guanzon, Jr. and Hon. Laurence Marxlen J. de la Cruz, duly seconded by all the members present;

THE SANGGUNIANG PANLALAWIGAN RESOLVED, as it hereby resolves, to approve this resolution to wit:

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RESOLVED FURTHER, that a copy of this Resolution be furnished to all the Planters' associations in Negros Occidental and Negros Oriental including the different sugar federations.

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RESOLVED FINALLY, that the same shall also be furnished to the Secretary of Agriculture, Francisco Tiu Laurel, Jr. as well as the Administrator of the Sugar Regulatory Administration.

ADOPTED UNANIMOUSLY.

This resolution shall take effect immediately upon approval.

CERTIFIED CORRECT:

HON. GENARO G. ALVAREZ, IV
Presiding Officer Pro-Tempore

ATTESTED:

ATTY. MAKI ANGEL O. ASCALON
Provincial Secretary

APPROVED:

HON. EUGENIO JOSE V. LACSON
Governor

JAN 22 2026